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- Sheep Breeding Farm in usan gum, In July 1952, the North Korean government opened a sheep-breeding ground at Musan (129-13, 42-14) (EB-1875) which covered the entire Musan-gum area in North Hamgyong Province. The deputy chief of the Administrative Bureau managed this sheep farm, assisted by the vice-minister of the Ministry of Forestry and Agriculture. By July, approximately 300,000 sheep had been imported into this area from the Mongolian People's Republic, and an unknown number of people had been brought in from South Plyongan Province. Approximately 3,000 people were to be transferred to this sheep farm for employment. These people were told they would be well-treated when they arrived at the farm. In July, because of severe food shortages more people were willing to leave their homes to work on this farm than the North Korean government was willing to move.
- Collective Farms in Sunamch'on and Taejaksu-dong. In early October 1952, two new collective farms were in operation at Sunamch'on (128-07, 40-40) (DA-2502) and Taejaksu-dong (128-14, 40-41) (DA-3503). Approximately 2,000 people, mostly refugees from Eangwon Province, had been mobilized to work on these farms. The chief clerk of the South Hamyong Province People's Committee managed the farms. Equipment included three tractor cultivators.

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